



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP-FOR SHELL SEEKERS

APRIL 2021

CLUB WEBSITE: www.inglewoodshell.club

Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

Hello Shellers!

Here we are at the end of our 2020-2021 season! We did it! Hip! Hip! Hooray! It was a total group effort and there's no way we could have done it without every one of you! Not only is it something to celebrate but, as most of you know, this year we're commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Englewood Shell Club! Picture it. Our founder, Barb Myers, sitting on the beach in her polka dot bikini and big sunhat, admiring her bucket of treasures, wishing she knew others with whom to share her passion for seashells. She headed home and placed a small ad in the local paper inviting like-minded people to join her and chat about their beach finds. Thirty people showed up, all eager to meet again. Barb suggested meeting the next month and voila! Twenty-five years and many more shell seekers later, ESC has grown to the Shell Club we have today!! We hope you'll join us at the end-of-year picnic on April 20, as we share stories and reminisce those 25 years gone by. It will truly be a day of "Shellabration!"

Thank you again for allowing us to lead you through this crazy season. A privilege it has been. We've had a great time being co-presidents and hope you've had fun as well. Rest assured, our wheels are already turning for next season and we hope you'll be a part of it. We look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic and maybe even on the beach this summer. For those of you who are unable to attend or are headed back to your home state, we wish you safe travels and a healthy, happy summer.

Happy shelling!
Meredith & Martha

Creating amazing displays and educational literature may be revitalized next season. If this aspect of Outreach excites you, look for more information in the September Newsletter.



“It was a beautiful day for our March Beach Walk. Ten ESC members and one new member scoured the beaches of Blind Pass Beach for that one elusive shell, but we all came back with just a few small shells. This still proved entertaining as we all sat (socially distanced apart) and talked for quite a while enjoying the wonderful day! Participating members were Jackie Hall, Jane Guy, Cathy & Walt Cycak, Deborah Hubbard, Anita Wilson, Kitty Saddler (new member), Lisa Ketner, Candy Niziol, Linda Masterson, and Leslie Mohr.” Deborah Hubbard

APRIL BEACHWALK

Team Leader is Deborah Hubbard

Spring has sprung! Perhaps you will pop out and hook up with friends to walk Stump Pass Beach, 900 Gulf Boulevard Englewood, on Wednesday, April 14. Start time: 9 am. Look for our beach flag and our chairs-usually located within walking distance to the restrooms. Hope to see you there!

ESC 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

MAXINE BARRITT PAVILION 11-1:30, TUESDAY, APRIL 20

PLEASE WEAR A MASK and YOUR NAME TAG. BRING A COMFY SEAT.

FOOD-DARRELL'S BBQ RESTAURANT:

Darrell will serve buffet style, in the pavilion: pulled pork, smoked chicken (white and dark), macaroni and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, and butter. BBQ sauces include: hot, Carolina, and sweet. Cutlery included. Free soft drinks and water. **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Colleen will put total cost on her credit card. Members pay her \$15 in cash April 20—day of celebration. If you would like BBQ for lunch, contact Colleen Fosnough no later than April 15. If you do not want BBQ, feel free to bring a bagged lunch.**

CINDY'S AMARETTO BROWNIES

MYSTERY BAGS AND PARTY FAVORS

COLLEEN'S MYSTERY SWEET TREAT

SCREENING OF A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO— PRODUCED BY HISTORIAN, KAREN BLACKFORD

COSTUME CONTEST: No theme; however, an entrant's costume must include silver (tinfoil, ribbon, glitter, fabric, etc.). Peers will vote for their favorite costume and the winner will receive a prize!

CLUB DECALS: ONE FOR \$3 OR TWO FOR \$5


SILENT AUCTION: Wine Basket donated by Cindy Boyd, Shell Photographs on Canvas donated by Meredith Blain, Two large Abalone Shells, Hebrew Cone, King Helmet, Atlantic Thorny Oyster, Crown's Conch, Decorative Jar of Shells created by Leslie Furmage, & Much, Much More!

Please bring singles and fives if you plan to purchase decals. Please bring cash or checks if you plan to participate in silent auction. Thank you!

Great New News: On the day of the celebration, there will sign up sheet for people interested in purchasing the 25th Anniversary Memory Book.

Price estimate is \$50-\$60 dollars.

Any questions? Contact Karen Blackford or Meredith Blain.

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB MILESTONES		Christina Anglin is ESC President	April-Shell Club Farewell Picnic held at Englewood Garden Beach Club	Aug 2011 - ESC sponsors the Watermelon Eating Contest at Englewood Pioneer Days.	MaryLinda Coward is club newsletter editor	Nov- ESC Palm Island Trip	Nov - Shellcrafters have 1st meeting at the Elk's Club	Feb - Amie Barnicle & Jane Guy lead Outreach at Lemon Bay Fest			
2010	World renowned Conchologists Peter Dance & Harlan Wittkoph are speakers	2011	March-Tom Walker from England-famous collector of shell stamps is speaker	2012	Oct-Club goes on Key West trip	Nancy Weborg is ESC President	Dec-Holiday Luncheon at Howard's Restaurant	2013	Debbie Freeman is ESC President	2014	Jan - Fossil Expert Ron Bopp is speaker "Chasing Florida Fossil Seashells"
Brenda Steele, Linda Powers, & Rita Stonehouse represent ESC at the "Gala in the Glades" COA Convention in Weston, FL	ESC launches Facebook page	2016	New Club Logo revealed.	Linda Powers is ESC President	Sept 2017 - Hurricane Irma (Irmageddon) made landfall in Marco Island as a Cat 3. Irma caused damage as far north as Englewood.	Dec 2017 - First Toys For Tots donation drive established.	Colleen Fosnough is ESC President				
2015	Brenda Steele is ESC President	2016	Jan - ESC shellabrates 20th Anniversary luncheon cruise aboard Marina Jack II on Sarasota Bay	2016 - ESC member Homer Rhode is presented with the COA Neptune Award.	Feb 2017 - Largest gathering of members & guests to date attend monthly meetings.	Nov 2017 - Linda Powers has Jaspidiconus lindapowerae named after her.	July 2018 - Red Tide arrives in SWFL. The devastating algae bloom lasts 9 months.				
Feb-Palm Island Golf Cart Trip	ESC Website is revamped. ESC starts a YouTube Channel	ESC Holiday Luncheon held at Boca Royale Country Club	First Co-Presidents lead ESC - Martha Dehne & Meredith Blain.	Dec-\$300 raised at Holiday Party and donated to Jubilee Center Food Pantry	Founding Mother Barb Myers attends ZOOM Meeting. Members sing Happy Birthday to her.	ESC travels to the Last Chance Sandbar & Anclote Key for excursions	ESC 25th Anniversary Shellabration held 4.20.21 at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice.				
2019	2019 - ESC has the largest membership of any shell club in COA with 25	2020	March 2020 COVID-19 virus shuts in-person meetings down.	Oct 2020 - First virtual ESC meeting held on ZOOM.	April 2021 Amie Barnicle, Joe Bao, & Ruth Middlebrooks honored as Emeritus Members	Jan 23, 2021 ESC Shellabrates 25 Years!!					

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ESC PRESIDENTS

1996-1999	FOUNDING MOTHER BARB MYERS
1999-2001	MARILYN BOYD
2001-2003	JUDY CURTAIN
2003-2006	DEBBIE FREEMAN
2006-2008	ANITA WILSON
2008-2009	DORIS LYONS
2009-2011	CHRISTINA ANGLIN
2011-2013	NANCY WEBORG
2013-2015	DEBBIE FREEMAN
2015-2016	BRENDA STEELE
2016-2018	LINDA POWERS
2018-2020	COLLEEN FOSNOUGH
2020-PRESENT	MEREDITH BLAIN & MARTHA DEHNE

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONCH AND A WHELK?



WHELK **CONCH**

WHELKS CAN BE FOUND IN COOLER, TEMPERATE WATERS	← WHERE IT LIVES →	CONCHS CAN BE FOUND IN WARMER, TROPICAL WATERS
SERVED IN MANY ITALIAN DISHES AS 'SCUNGILLI'	← FOUND ON MENUS →	SERVED AS CONCH SALAD, CHOWDER, AND FRITTERS
WHELKS ARE CARNIVOROUS AND FEED ON CLAMS, OYSTERS, MUSSELS AND OTHER SHELLFISH	← WHAT IT EATS →	CONCHS ARE HERBIVORES AND FEED ONLY ON PLANTS
WHELKS ONLY HAVE AN 'EYESPOT'. THEY LACK A PIVOTING EYEBALL.	← SEES THE WORLD THROUGH →	A SINGLE, PIVOTING EYEBALL

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Thank you Karen Blackford for creating our 25th Anniversary Commemorative Video also for the following graphics: Presidents, Emeritus Award, and Milestones

These mating whelks were seen at 10,000 Islands by Meredith Blain, who gently returned them to the water after taking their photograph. According to tex.gov, whelk mating season is from late October to early January. Spawning season is from March through April. The female lays eggs in long strings of capsules 11 to 33 inches long.

**ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PROGRAM**



APRIL 20, 2021

MAXINE BARRITT PARK, VENICE, FL.

- 11:00 Mingle and Silent Auction Bidding
11:30 Welcome Greeting by Presidents Meredith Blain and Martha Dehne
11:35 Recognition Presentations:
Founding Mother Barb Myers by Marilyn Boyd
Emeritus: Amie Barnicle, Joe Bao, Ruth Middlebrooks by Anita Wilson
Current Presidents by Colleen Fosnough
Special Gift by Linda Schmoyer
11:50 Lunch, Commemorative Video Produced by Historian Karen Blackford,
Voting for Favorite Costume
12:40 Group Photos: Barb Myers w/Charter Members, Past/Present Presidents,
BOD, Emeritus recipients, all Members, Costume Contest/Auction Winners
1:00 Dessert, Costume Contest Winner and Auction Winners by Candy Niziol
1:25 Closing Remarks by Presidents Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

THE EMERITUS AWARD

The Emeritus Award was first established in April 2015. Committee members were Linda Powers, Jane Guy, Marilyn Boyd, & Anita Wilson. The Emeritus Award recognizes an ESC member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for years and years for the club. They are long-time members who can no longer attend regularly or be as active as they once were.

2015	Barb Myers	
2015	Andy & Audrey Grant	
2015	Dick Forbush	
2017	Christina Anglin	
2017	Richard Eckhart	
2017	Helen Gardner	
2017	Dottie Swann	
2021	Amie Barnicle	
2021	Joe Bao	
2021	Ruth Middlebrooks	



Got their angel wings

Member of the Month: **Judy Landry**

Judy and her husband, Dennis, are residents of Wilton, Maine, and live in their Wilson Lake shorefront home during the summer months but have been enjoying the Florida winter weather since 2012. From 2009 till 2012, the Landry's hit the road in their camper during the winter months.

In addition to visiting 46 states, (including Alaska) time was spent experiencing Canada and the mainland of Mexico.



Married nearly 58 years, Maine natives, Judy and Dennis have two wonderful children (a son and daughter), eight grandkids, and two great-grandkids.

Judy loves shelling and has had many hobbies over the years; however, carving bass wood remains a favorite, "It is fun to take a block of wood and carve until you get a songbird or water duck."

What is your favorite shell? Three: Horse conch, Lightning whelk, and wentletrap.

What is your favorite beach? Boca Grande State Park

What is your favorite beach find? It is small orange Spiny oyster. I also enjoyed finding a pink Murex in the food dump grounds of Baja, Mexico, while visiting Conception Bay with friends.

What is your most usual find? A bit of seaweed growing in a small shell tucked inside a Murex.

Tell us fun fact about you. I am 76 years old, hanging in there, enjoying life; going everywhere I can.

How long have you been a ESC member? Since 2014

EXCITING LIBRARY NEWS!

One of our newest club members, Jackie Hall, will resume the responsibilities passed down from Librarian Candy Niziol in the fall of 2021. Thank you Jackie for stepping forward and thank you Candy for your many years of dedicated service!

Candy's Kitchen: Three Cheese Enchiladas

1 8oz cream cheese softened
3 cups salsa divided
4 green onions chopped & divided
2.5 cups shredded Cheddar cheese divided
2.5 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese divided
12 8" flour tortillas



Heat oven to 350 degrees

Mix cream cheese with 2 cups salsa and 2 chopped green onions in a bowl until thoroughly combined; lightly stir 2 cups shredded cheddar and 2 cups Monterey Jack cheese into cream cheese mixture. Spoon a scant 1/2 cup of cheese filling in a line down the center of each tortilla and roll tortilla into a log around the filling. Repeat with remaining tortillas and cheese filling. Place rolled tortillas into a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Spread top of enchiladas with remaining 1 cup salsa. Lightly mix remaining 1/2 cup cheddar cheese & 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese in a bowl & spread over the salsa. Sprinkle with remaining green onion. Cover dish with aluminum foil.

Bake in preheated oven until cheese is melted & bubbly; approximately 20 min.

Enjoy with your favorite margarita or beverage of your choice.

Nearly 30 members joined presenter Karen Huether at Lemon Bay Park pavilion in February to learn and share stories about the fabulous and beautiful gastropod Murex family. Thank you, Karen!



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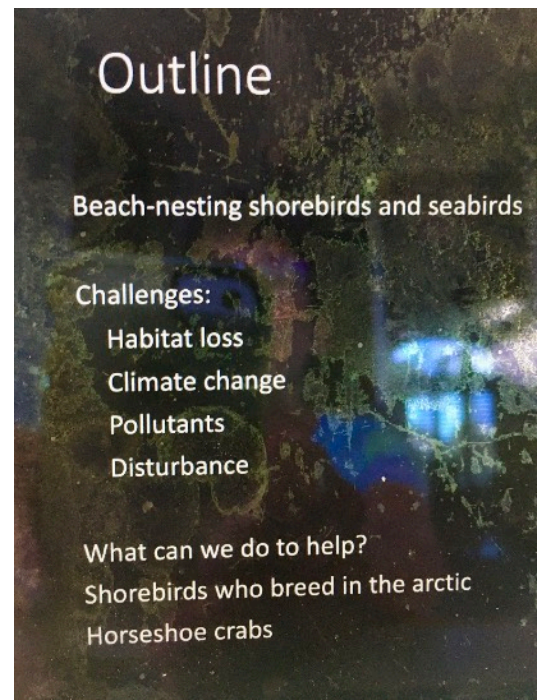
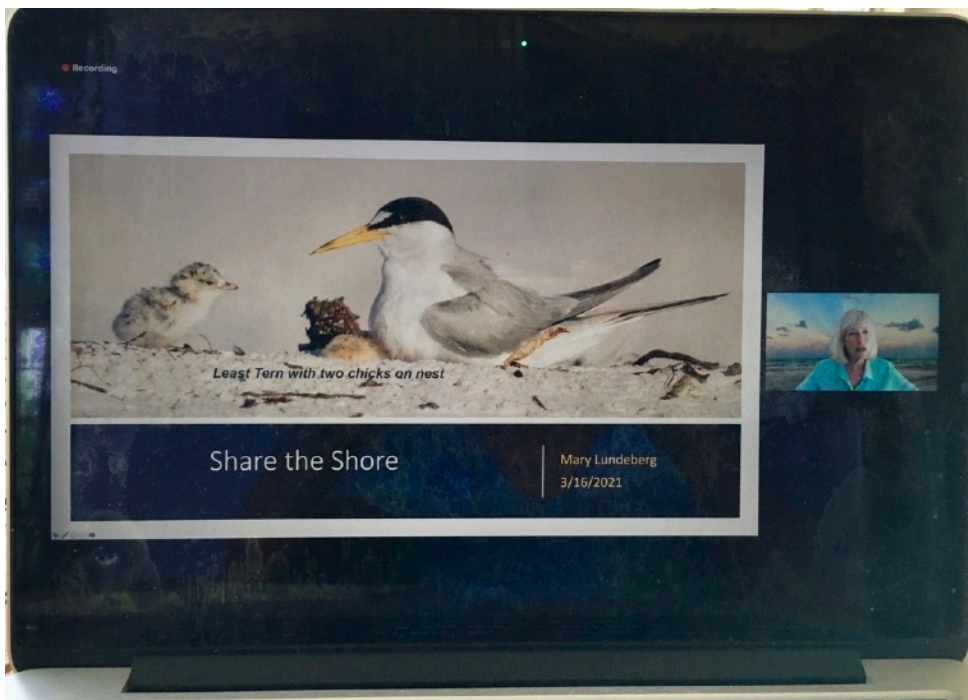
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Mary Lundeberg was Our March Zoom Guest Speaker!



If you would like to become a bird steward to help protect these threatened species, please contact Mary at marylundeberg@gmail.com

Despite Covid, members keep creating art!



Hello Shell Friends, Thanks for participating in such a challenging Shell Crafters season. This hardy bunch of ladies braved chilly temperatures and whipping winds to meet at Lemon Bay Park once a month on Friday mornings. Without electricity and the use of our faithful glue guns, we turned out some beautiful crafts, and enjoyed each other's company – masked and at a respectful distance! What a year! At the March 26 session, we had a beautiful warm morning – our first! We created the table favors for the ESC 25th Anniversary Celebration, and they are lovely. Well, Shell Crafters has adjourned for the season. So we have all summer to think of projects for next autumn. I love to hear ideas from you all for crafts we could do. Send me pictures. Also, if you would like to teach a craft, I would be happy to have you do that as well. We have quite a collection of craft shells available to work with. We don't know yet what Covid will bring us in seven months. I am hoping we will be back to normal, back at the Elks, all of this in our rear view mirrors. Just in case, I have ordered a battery operated glue gun. I am going to try it out, and write a review!

Submitted by Leslie Furmage

Members Participate in Sanibel Shell Show!

